

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

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O R 011458Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5913  
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
COMSIXTHFLT

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PLOS PFOR TS LY  
SUBJECT: LIBYAN ALLEGATION THAT U.S. SHIP FLYING TUNISIAN  
FLAG IN DISPUTED AREA

REF: TRIPOLI 281 (NOTAL)

TUNISIAN NAVY CONSISTS OF DESTROYER BOURGUIBA AND A  
NUMBER OF PATROL BOATS. IN VIEW OF LIBYAN CLAIM THAT  
SIZE OF SHIP IN DISPUTED AREA LEADS THEM TO BELIEVE  
THAT IT IS NOT TUNISIAN BUT POSSIBLY U.S. SHIP FLYING  
TUNISIAN FLAG, WE HAVE CHECKED ON BOURGUIBA AND FIND  
THAT IT IS TIED ALONG SIDE AT BIZERTE. TUNISIAN PATROL  
BOATS CARRY NOTHING LARGER THAN 40 MM GUN. THERE  
MAY OF COURSE BE ITALIAN WARSHIP IN AREA (ROME 2867).  
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